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Is Speaker Pelosi's Aircraft Demand "In the national interest of the United States?"

As you may have heard, Speaker Nancy Pelosi <u>pressed the Department of Defense</u> to provide her a <u>military aircraft</u> for flights – including trips back to San Francisco. You can read all the details about that <u>here</u>.

It now appears as though the Speaker is relying on Congressman Murtha to use his influence at the Department of Defense to ensure that Speaker Pelosi gets the plane that she desires. According to today's Washington Times, "A congressional source said that Rep. John P. Murtha, chairman of House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, which controls the Pentagon's spending, has telephoned administration officials to urge them to give the speaker what she wants. The congressional source said Pentagon officials complained that Mr. Murtha, Pennsylvania Democrat, is accusing them of sexism for not immediately heeding her request."

So let's get this straight. During a week in which Democrats are pushing a resolution that states, "it is not in the national interest of the United States to deepen its military involvement in Iraq, particularly by escalating the United States military force presence in Iraq," they believe that securing Speaker Pelosi the military plane pictured below for luxury flights to San Francisco IS in the national interest?

This is the Plane that Speaker Pelosi is Demanding.



Is this in U.S. National Interest? You be the Judge.